COUNCILMEMBER JESS RIVAS

DISTRICT 5 NEWSLETTER

Dear Neighbor,

I hope you're doing well! I'd love to see you at my next **office hours** - Saturday, June 10th at the Pasadena Job Center (500 N Lake Ave) from 930-11 am. I will also be holding a **town hall** in July; details will be announced shortly. In the meantime, here are some highlights of what came before the Council in May:

- **Approved Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Budget** – We approved the CIP, which consists of projects aimed at improving the city's public infrastructure such as roads, street lights, traffic signals, hardscape traffic devices, parks, public buildings, sewer and storm drains, the Rose Bowl, the Pasadena Center, technology and water and power projects. You can view the full CIP Budget here, but here are some highlights of projects in District 5:
    1. Villa Parke Community Center Locker Rooms & Parking Lot Improvements - In their current configuration, the pool locker rooms and adjacent parking lot do not meet current building codes for ADA compliance. This project will make the modifications necessary to make locker rooms and paths to pool deck accessible, as well as renovate locker room amenities. Design of the ADA improvements will be completed in FY 2024.
    2. Citywide Parks Playground Shade Structure Installations, Phase I – This project provides for playground shade structure installations at four parks, including Washington Park. Design of shade structures and installation at Washington Park will be completed in FY 2024.
    3. Electrical System Undergrounding at (1) Mountain Street from Lake Avenue to Hill Avenue and (2) Raymond Avenue from Maple Street to North City Limits – These projects provide for the undergrounding of electrical utilities, the installation of a new street lighting system using energy-efficient lighting, and the resurfacing of the asphalt street. The projects will also provide replacement of sidewalks and ADA compliant curb ramps. In FY 2024, PWP will complete the design and begin construction contract procurement. Public Works will begin design of streetlighting and civil improvements.
    4. Installation of Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon at Washington Blvd and Hudson Ave – This project provides for the installation of a crosswalk with a High-intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) traffic signal at E. Washington Blvd. and N. Hudson Ave. Design will be completed in FY 2024.

- **Held Discussion re: Independent Review of Officer-Involved Shooting of Anthony McClain** – On May 15th we held a special meeting to discuss the report prepared by the OIR Group. You can read the report here and the Police Department's response here. The Community Police Oversight Commission also recently discussed it and the matter will later return to the Council for further discussion and recommendations. One of the most important issues to arise thus far has been the Police Department's use of and policy on pretext stops, which is something we as a community should absolutely reevaluate. I will keep you posted on the continuing discussions and look forward to hearing your thoughts.

- **Approved Contract for Lake Avenue Pedestrian Access Improvements –** This project provides streetscape improvements to enhance pedestrian access and circulation along a 1.06-mile segment of Lake Avenue, from the Gold Line Station at Corson Street south to California Boulevard. The scope of work includes the installation of a new signalized mid-block crossing between Cordova Street and Del Mar Boulevard; a new traffic signal at Granite Drive; 64 new pedestrian-scale streetlights; modifications to the existing "pork chop" island at Union Street; new curb extensions at the intersection of Del Mar Boulevard; ADA compliant curb ramps; and in-fill street trees. You can read the full staff report here.

- **Rental Housing Board First Meeting –** Measure H/Charter Article XVIII assigns the powers and duties necessary to "administer and enforce" its provisions to the Pasadena Rental Housing Board. I am excited to share that the Board held its first meeting on May 24th. The Board set its regular meeting times for the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 6 p.m. in the Robinson Park Recreation Center multipurpose room, at 1081 N. Fair Oaks Ave., and elected a chair and vice chair. Congratulations to Ryan Bell and Brandon Lamar on being elected chair and vice chair!

Please follow me on social media if you haven't already. It's an easy way to stay up to date on what's going

on in our neighborhoods and throughout the city. Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter handles are all @PasadenaD5.

Finally, as always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly atjerivas@cityofpasadena.net. I truly value your opinion and look forward to hearing from you.

-Jess

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